What Do They Do When They're Not Firefighting?

What do firemen do when not fighting fires? Pictures prove all spare time is not spent playing cards. One of department's vital jobs is life-saving by resuscitator, with which men must be familiar. Here city firemen Bill Heater, 3040 Fifth; George Robertson, 3154 Hillside, and, on floor, Stan McLaren, 1234 Basil, keep up-to-date in operating life-saving equipment.

Like men in any occupation who take pride in doing good job, firemen spend time in practice, study. Here Bill Jones, 1626 Oakland, does text-book drill on rope work that may save minutes in time and dollars in damage on job later. Firemen work 48-hour week, with 10-hour day shifts, 14-hour night shifts, and 23 hours over Sunday in two-platoon system.

Long hours on duty (they can't go out for coffee or lunch) mean "household" chores for firemen. Here Bob Christianson, 821 Princess, cleans up stove in staff lunchroom, while Gordon Jones, 3946 Cedar Hill, does mop drill on floor. In this room of firehall men prepare and eat own meals, then go below for daily chores polishing trucks, keeping hose in shape.

It may look like great fun to small boys, but firemen's know-how with net may save their own lives as well as those of citizens caught in upper floors by fire. Gordon Jones leaps into net held by fellow-firemen under watchful eyes of Capt. Carl Mills, 1510 Fairfield. Second later, Jones' feet were high, and he landed safely in proper sitting position.—(Colonist photos by Jim Ryan.)

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To Be Ready by April 1

Green Light Ordered For Goldstream Park

10 Campsites Completed Each Day

After ordering a slow-down on work at Goldstream Park last month because of lack of funds the provincial parks branch has ordered full steam ahead.

Fifty men are now employed on the job in a rush to have the park completed by April 1. Gravel crews are working on double shift until 2 a.m. each day.

CUT TO 22

After the slow-down order the crew had been cut to 22 men, mainly permanent parks branch employees.

Seventy-two of the 147 campsites are completed and could be occupied.

On Monday a crew of 10 men will start work clearing for 50 new camping sites at Ivy Green Park near Ladysmith.

WATER SYSTEM

Biggest job left at Goldstream is installation of the water system. About 10 new campsites are being completed each day.

The three miles of park road are in fair condition and will receive the final gravel after the water system has been installed.

Work started this week on the picnic site at the lower end of Goldstream, where most people go to watch the fish run up the river.

50 PICNIC TABLES

Fifty picnic tables are being placed there and an extensive parking lot will be created.

Goldstream Park will be the showpiece of the provincial park system. It is the park where government officials will be able to take guests to show them what a provincial park is like.

The new park is the first to start a trend toward bigger camping areas where campers will be able to pitch a small tent for the youngsters alongside their main tent.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE

A temporary bridge has been placed over the Goldstream, but plans call for a rustic type bridge to be erected later.

Also in future planning is a footpath along the Goldstream and under the highway and a nature museum at the picnic site.

Not Like Last Year

Hostility Gone As Court Opens

A rather hostile crowd of 160 ratepayers confronted the court of revision on assessments in the southern part of Saanich last year when it opened its hearings in a Valentine-decorated hall.

But the apperance of a general uprising was gone when the court opened this year's hearings yesterday.

The municipal assessor this year mailed out notices of individual appointment times with the court, and only a dozen or so ratepayers were waiting when the court sat.

Chairman Waldo Skillings nevertheless took early opportunity, when a ratepayer muttered about his assessment being sustained, to issue a warning that the court wouldn't take any abuse.

He reminded the ratepayer that he could be found in contempt of court.

Power Prober

Preliminary study of overspending on B.C. Power Commission projects will be carried out by L. C. Peterman, vice-president of a New York firm of consulting engineers. Study will take a week. He will report to the Shrum Commission. (See Page 1.)

Ice Show Tickets Sold Tomorrow

Tickets go on sale tomorrow at the arena for the big ice show Feb. 23 and 24, the start of a public appeal to raise $123,000 for another ice surface behind the arena.

All seats are the same price —$1 for the 2¼-hour presentation, starting at 8 each night, which features 400 costumed little skaters, square dances, lacrosse on skates, Victoria Girls' Drill Team, comic turns, broomball game, hockey exhibition and dozens of figure-skating stars.

Sponsors are the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Victoria Figure Skating Club and Minor Hockey Association.

Peterson Speaks In House Today

Education Minister Leslie Peterson will speak in the budget debate in the legislature today.

First speaker when the House sits at 2 p.m. will be John Tisdalle (SC, Saanich). Other speakers are Arthur Turner (CCF, Vancouver-East), William Asselstine (SC, Atlin), Cyril Shelford (SC, Omineca) and Harold Roche, (SC, Peace River).

B.C.'s Flag Waved

Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston did a little flag waving in the legislature yesterday and at the same time suggested that the B.C. centennial flag, with some minor alterations, be adopted as the British Columbia flag.

He made it clear he was speaking as the member from Fort George and not as a member of the government. He pointed out that Nova Scotia and Quebec have provincial flags.

"We would have a suitable symbol recognized wherever we go," he said. "With general support it might do a good job for B.C."

He suggested that the legislature when declaring Douglas Day an observance day, should consider adopting a B.C. flag.

He said the centennial flag, which was designed by a civil servant could easily be adapted by taking out the dates and placing on it the motto of B.C.—Splendor Sine Occasu.

He made the suggestion as he waved one of the flags before members of the House.

Seen in Passing

MORRISON (BUD) CURRY

Morrison (Bud) Curry, a rookie policeman, making some notes just before going out on his first traffic assignment. (A member of the city force for only three months, he lives at 2553 Prior with his wife, **Irene**. His hobbies include all sorts of spectator sports and hunting) . . . **Ted Walton** talking on the telephone . . . **George Bates** drinking milk as friends watched him in amazement . . . **Frank Siddon** trying to line up a skip to take him to the Seattle bonspiel in April . . . former reeve **Joseph Casey** and former councillor **Eugene Diespecker** of Saanich asking their way about in the new buildings at the municipal hall.

Tons of groceries toppled from shelves and wound up in the basement yesterday when the floor of Oak Bay Produce gave way as the wall of the building suddenly collapsed.—(Colonist photo.)

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Foundation Sags, Wall 'Suspended' In City Building

Collapse of one end foundation of a large building in the Oak Bay business section yesterday caused workmen to flee and at least three persons to scurry from their shops.

The east wall of the building was still hanging "suspended" above the collapsed foundation last night, police said.

Sue Gain, 717 Queens, operator of Oak Bay Produce, 2194 Oak Bay, and her 65-year-old mother, Mrs. Gee Gain, fled from the building when they heard a "terrific crack and rumble," only minutes before their store wall and floor buckled.

WORKMEN FLED

Workmen employed by A. K. Smalley Construction, working only feet away, on the adjacent property fled hastily when the concrete wall began to spring.

Club Tango owner, Edward Hicks, who rents the upper floor, said the floor dropped "about three inches" at one end, cracking wall and ceiling plaster.

Miss Gain said she was taking an order for groceries when she first felt the tremor. She said her mother screamed, "Come on, Sue, let's get out of here."

"Only a few minutes later the lower wall which is the foundation collapsed. One of the first things to buckle was the floor and then all our groceries fell.

"We don't know how much damage was done—but it must be plenty," she said.

Oak Bay firemen and police roped off the immediate area after the foundation collapsed.

Mr. Hicks said the annual Victoria Chapter Order of De Molay Valentine dance scheduled for today would have to be cancelled—"and I imagine everything will have to be cancelled for two weeks."

Workmen on the adjoining property were preparing to pour concrete today for a new store block to be built on the site of the old municipal hall. Their excavation came within inches of the collapsed wall.

Owner of the building, C. Somerville Allen said last night he knew nothing of the damage and refused to comment.

Building inspector Kenneth Cunningham said other stores in the block were not threatened, including the Oak Bay Theatre.

He said the foundation was "laying on soggy, sandy material and was undermined by water."

Around the Island

BCPC Plans Fish Guards

B.C. Power Commission is carrying out negotiations with the federal department of fisheries on proposed fish protection works at the Puntledge River hydro development, near Courtenay, Vancouver Island.

Remedial measures proposed by the department of fisheries would cost $750,000, according to estimates of Power Commission engineers.

The Power Commission negotiations are being carried out on the basis that the protection works be constructed as a joint undertaking by the department and the Power Commission, with the department bearing the major portion of the capital cost.

The Power Commission expeditures on Puntledge River fish protection to date include: $100,000 for a construction fish ladder at the Comox Lake storage dam; $5,000 annually for the catchment of fry at the intake dam; $2,000 for the erection of a coarse screen arrangement at the tail race of the Puntledge powerhouse.

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ALBERNI — Recreation plans for the rural district of Cherry Creek will be discussed at a meeting to be held in Cherry Creek Community Hall, Monday.

The meeting has been called by the area's recreation commission which recently purchased sports equipment. Plans are to organize classes and appoint supervisors and instructors.

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NANAIMO — A Victoria firm, E. J. Hunter and Sons, may be awarded the $58,319 contract for construction of an activity room on Harewod School.

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QUALICUM BEACH—Merit badges for outstanding services in Red Cross activities were presented to two members of the Mt. Arrowsmith Red Cross Branch at the group's annual meeting.

Mrs. E. Morley, an active member of the branch since it was formed in 1939, and Mrs. P. Reddyhoff who has done a great deal to foster interest in Red Cross activities among school children in the district received the awards.

Officers elected are: president, Ferguson Hoey; first vice-president, Rev. John Stainer; second vice-president, Mrs. R. Thwaites; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Batten; blood-donor service chairmen, Mrs. M. Urie, Mrs. Fred Parker, Jr.

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CHEMAINUS—The supervisor of the B.C. Power Commission's 100,000 horsepower gas-turbine generating station here, J. T. Kirkpatrick, says that well over 1,000 people are expected to tour the plant during National Electrical Week, Feb. 8-14.

About 400 visited the new power installation at Bare Point Sunday.

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CAMPBELL RIVER—Work on the "Tyee Plaza" waterfront development here started yesterday at the site of the rock fill on Sayward Road.

The local firm of R. B. Dixon is clearing the site and blasting was scheduled to start today. Bids are being taken from local firms on a rock hauling sub-contract.

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NANAIMO—A $6,000-out-of-court settlement has been reached between Cyril Malcolm Pearce and Sar Singh, both of Port Alberni. Pearce began a suit for personal and property damages following a car accident Jan. 31, 1957. The settlement was reached here Wednesday.

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PORT ALBERNI — The three-act comedy, "Strange Boarders," will be presented by the ADHS Drama Society on March 4 and 5.

The play was originally called "A Dangerous Woman," but has since been played many times under the name of "Cordelia" and under its present title.

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NANAIMO — A coroner's jury yesterday ruled the death Jan. 28 of Mrs. Jean Morrell, 39, of Nanaimo was due to asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning. Mrs. Morrell's body was found in the family car about one mile from her home.

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COOMBS — Annual meeting of Coombs Community Organization was well attended, 28 turning out "under threat" that the organization might have to fold unless more interest were shown.

Only four persons attended a previous meeting called last month.

New officers are: Frank Telford, re-elected president; vice-president, Benny Chaffin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. Donnahue, replacing E. A. Strome, retiring; directors, Mrs. A. MacDonald, O. St. Denis, D. J. Hill, John Kilbey. It was decided that the hall board would continue to function as a recreation commission.

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COOMBS — Coombs Drama Club will enter two one-act plays in the Northern Vancouver Island Drama Festival at Courtenay in April. "The Giant's Stair," a drama, will be directed by Mrs. E. Hawkes, and in the cast are Dorothy Simons, Jack Musselwhite and Annie Brittain. The second, also a drama, "Anti Clock-Wise," will be under direction of Dorothy Simons, and in the cast, Ella Allen, Jessie Allen, Sharon Cox and Mary Hawkes.